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SYNOPSIS.

The young man whose accentures are told by the author enlisted in the Texas Rangers and followed the fortunes of his command through those trying days when the "Lone Star State" was battling for its party was riding before a prairie fire, the hero's horse was exhausted, and escape for the young lady enume to the doorway.

The young man whose accentures are that I wanted to purchase some garlie. She nodded, and asked me to come in to the house. I did not know whether to venture farther or not, but I could not disobey the beautiful young brunette's request; hitching my pony to the gatepost I stepped lightly across the garden to the doorway.

The young lady enume to the door and from a fiery death seemed impossible.

My horse stumbled and fell dead into a pit which I had not noticed in my fright. I saw in an instant where I was. I had landed in the bottom of a buffalo sink, not uncommon on the Western prairies. These sinks were made by the buffaloes in the following manner: Occasionally a large lone rock or talking over the condition of the country.

| asked: "Your title?" "Karl Prest," I replied. "This is the home of the Senoritas DeAtt. Also a little coldly, and he thought it prudent to get me out of his way. But he had hurt limself also, though not as bad as I would hurt him when I got a foul at him. On the way back to where the boys were having a game of loo I met Degiff.

| As I waked away I resolved to give the degree of the country of the country. The condition of the country. The condition of the country. Accosting him, I said: "I understand that sawin an instant where I was: I have in the bottom of a buffalo sink, not uncommon on the Western prairies. These sinks were made by the buffaloes in the following manner: Occasionally a large lone rock or bowlder would be found on those bare stretches, and the buffaloes constantly rubbed and stamped around it, making an excavation, into the center of which the Now that was a "stunner." I did not know how to answer her, but I didn't see any reason why I shouldn't-tell the truth, as she would find out my true colors before that place very long, so I openly



Blackened prairie on the frontier of Texas.

The Lieutenant made a short speech on the black of the Lieutenant made a short speech on the black of the company of the black of the said he had never prayed but a few black, and there at the door of the hacienda stood linex, waving a white handkerchief as a good-by salutation. I waved my cap, and galloped on.

The person came up to me, and between the sols and cries told me that she was the aged woman from the hacienda, and that the ludians had broken in upon them. I waved my cap, and galloped on.

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The Lieuteners said, we would first the beautiful to the had not laughed him about the kiss, if he had not laughed

to a tributary of the Nueces River.

The fire had originated on the southern thank of the stream so by crossing over onto

with the Lieutenant, as the Indians had had just about time to reach this place when the light against the sky was seem. It matters not have the fire originated, I had almost a miraculous escape from death, I learned from her that she and her aunt "The Indiance ne throw".

know.

We had a pleasant trip from the Nuccess across the country to the Rio Grande, reaching flust noted river on Feb. 1, 1843.

The river was broad and deep where we pitched our tents (we only saved two out of the fire on the prairies) in the little green valley. The grass was green on this first day of February. The river went sweeping by in a curve. At the north limit of the valley stood a Mexican incienda. Surrounding it was a garden, and to the south of us a spring bubbled out, fresh, cold water. It was a splendid place for guarters, but very roar the enemy's country. I describe our campling place, as it was to be our home for same time, and there was to be enacted the principal part of my story.

I learned from her that she and her aunt raised vegetables for the market at a town a few mices below on the river. She asked as we got very close to the savages we saw they were about 50 in number. They had stopped in a little thicket, but nowhere could we see Inez.

(To be continued.)

The Free Homes Act.

Some weeks ago we published the subscinct a few commander's orders. I took her that to keep her away from camp, for the fact was 1 was sellous already.

So this seconting dentity of the act, we therefore print it below verbatim: I would be Degiff in the north and some times I, and sometimes we would draw straws to be when would allow no one to come to commander would allow no one to come inside the pickets, and that the man Degiff and I were the only ones allowed to pass out. I would see about the purchase of vegetables for the market at a town a few mice. They had stopped in a little thicket, but nowhere could we see Inez.

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The Free Homes Act.

Some weeks ago we published the subscinct was sance of Delegate Flynn's Free Homes Bill, and since that time there have been numerous calls for the text of the act.

We therefore print it below verbatim:

An Act Providing for free homesteads on the public lands for actual and boun fide

I have said before that I was able to speak the Spanish language; therefore, I considered myself capable of conversing with the Mexican, should be be at home. The trouble that beset me was I did not know anything about their manners and customs, and was liable to incur the enmity of them by some of my actions: the considered myself capable of conversing with the Mexican, should be be at home. The trouble that beset me was I did not know anything about their manners and customs, and was liable to incur the enmity of them by some of my actions: the considered myself and the considered myself and the considered myself and the constant that it had been the second time be called, and be then asked her for the privilege, but should be the masked her for the privilege, but should be the masked her for the privilege, but should be the masked her for the privilege, but should be the masked her for the privilege, but should be them asked her for the privilege, but should be them asked her for the privilege, but should be them asked her for the privilege, but should be them asked her for the privilege, but should be them asked her for the privilege, but should be them asked her for the privilege, but should be them asked her for the privilege, but should be them asked her for the privilege.

A young lady, a Spanish woman of about 18 years, a very pretty brunette, came to the door and asked what was wanted. I hardly knew what I did want, so I replied

as she would find out my true colors before I was at that place very long, so I openly told her I was, and that the band down the

wiping the tears frem our eyes, we asked in one voice; "What now?"

The Lieutenant said we would first arrange to travel, and then they would tell how they escaped and would listen to my adventure. They had three extra horses with them, and mounting one. I began at once to tell how I escaped, and they in turn related to me the story of their own deliverance.

"When we started off we were in the wake of a drove of wild mustangs," said the Lieutenans. "They cut to the northeast and our horses followed. We soon reached and our horses followed. We soon reached the content of the border. I might have told him about the kiss, if he had not laughed at me; but as he did so, I kept that part of the adventure to myself. I never carried the adventure to myself. I never carried the adventure to know the said beautiful that the said we would eat it, and I didn't want the Lieutenant to know where I had been. It only too the north, as I had made a courting business out of my scouting up that way. I knew it was a pleat to get to see the senorita, so I decided I would let him go, and I would set the senorita.

ped and asked if all were there. We began by numbering, calling out the number, and talk but little Spanish, and her English we found that only 80 were present. You know there is 81 in all of us, so we began to lask who was absent.

ask who was absent. Degiff said he expected you were, as the afternoon, as he saw some sign of Mexiwhen he left you.

"Your name was colled, but no answer.
Then we knew that you were gone, and we expected to find you a charred mass somewhere on the prairie." He ceased talking and his voice was at a whisper.

We again started out neroes the prairie to the border. It was a sickening scene. The black prairie was strewn with the dead bodies of antelopes, rabbits and horses.

We traveled until noon, when we came to a tringitary of the Nuccess River.

home for some time, and there was to time I, and sometimes we would draw atraws enacted the principal part of my story. We arranged our camp with as much order as we knew how, and considered at the backenda to inquire if any Mexicans everything ready for a scrap with the enemy, in case he should invade our terri-

A MENICAN HACIENDA.

One time as I was taking leave of the "sweet little senorita" and she had presented those lovely lips for the kiss I had given them so often. I poignantly asked her if she give them to Deriff to kiss, and she had presented those lovely lips for the kiss I had given them so often. I poignantly asked her if she give them to Deriff to kiss, and she had presented to call at the hacienda.

I have said where the homestead laws of the United States upon the agricultural public lands, which have already been opened to settlement, acquired prior to the passage of this Act by treaty or agreement. That all settlers under the homestead laws of the United States upon the agricultural public lands, which have already been opened to settlement, acquired prior to the passage of this Act by treaty or agreement.

Degiff a good thrashing. It was eviden that he loved Inez, and she had treated him way back to where the boys were having a game of loo I met Degiff.

Accosting him, I said: "I understand that you have been meddling with affairs that would have been better if let alone."

"No, he didn't," I said.
"Do you say I lied?" he scornfully asked.

"That is just what I say," I replied.
"We'll have to fight," he returned.
"Very good," I replied before I was con-

nor to kill; but if I had it to do, I would eer-tainly try to get the first shot. We were a dense snowstorm on a sunshiny day.

"It has been said that the distribution of literature has come to be about the most important feature of the National Committee's

I soon decided on my plan. I would go

at once, and get some one to go with me. We would try to overtake the savages, and by some stratagem get the girl away. But was puzzled to know what to do with the old woman. She would not return, and if I carried her to the Lieutenant's quarters, the whole camp would want to turn out and pursue the fleeing savages; that would never do; the girl could never be taken away from them by force alive.

So, bidding the woman to stay at my post, I went to the subordinate officer; awakening him. I told my story in as few

words as possible.

He helped me to decide on a plan. He would send Mat Gordon with me to occupy my post until 3 o'clock, when new guards would be placed at the pickets, and would and our horses followed. We soon reached a little creek that had running water in it, and on the other side the grass was short, as it had evidently been burned a short while back.

"When we reached the far bank we stop"When we reached the far bank w cautously conduct the woman to his tent, where no one would be likely to find out her presense. I aroused Mat, and we noiselessly caught our horses, and pussing out at my post, hurried to the hneienda, in order to get the trail of the Indians.

Mat had his fighting blood warm that night, and, cursing, said he would kill the

said he expected you were, as the advanced to be not thoroughly aroused to be not thoroughly aroused the had made a courting affair out of his vagabonds at sight; but I told him not to shoot until I did; and explaining to him how too quick action might be for the worse, he agreed to act strictly under my orders

At the hacienda we found they had At the nacienca we joined they may be be attered down the door, captured the young woman, and hurriedly left. I got off my horse, and creeping along on the ground, looked for sign of the savages, and saw the savages.

About daylight we saw a light in the distance near the river.
"The Indians," said Mat.
As we got very close to the savages we

for that purpose.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That

in a Testament that he had brought with him. He politely asked mo to be scated on a log, and twisting his mustache and looking at me with his keen eyes, he said:

"I have been informed that you have been making it a practice during your scouting to call at the little house up the valley."

"Yes, sir," I replied; "but may I ask who told you?"

"I will tell you, it was Degiff, your companion scout. He reports that you go there often."

"Very true, very true, But did you know that Degiff went to the house every time he scouts in the north?"

"No; but it is this way; you and Degiff will neither one go there again if you value your safety. Those people are Mexicans, and, and you know Mexicans cannot be trusted," and you know Mexicans cannot be trusted," "They say they hate the Mexicans, and, "They say they hate the Mexicans, and that in the event that in the event that

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She nodded, and asked me to come in to the house. I did not know whether to venture farther or not, but I could not disobey the beautiful young brunette's request; hitching my pony to the gatepost stepped lightly across the garden to the loor way.

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ROASTED LOCUSTS.

Delicacies of the Season at Mafeking.

would have been meddling with affairs that would have been better if let alone."

"Sir, do I anderstand that you wish to insult me?"

"No." I replied with steel in my tone, "but why did you tell the Lieutenant about my visits at the hacienda?"

"He wanted to know," he replied with courses.

"I will be my earnest endeavor not to disappoint your expectations. I feel the full the story of Mafeking in its entirety. But I may tell of a collation to which I was invited a few nights ago by some soldier invited a few nights ago by some soldier friends. When I turned up to supper I leads both nations and men."

GRANT COULDN'T STAY TO DINNER. Before assuming personal commends of the man had a simple meal, and one that few at home would consider wanted all to be present except the pickets. I thought I would escape hearing his speech, as the subordinate had detailed me to be on picket guard that night. But the subordinate came and told me that he had detailed another man to occupy the post until 9, and that I would take it then.

This was very unsatisfactory to me, as I didn't want to hear the Lieutenant, for I knew on what subject he was going to speak; but I would have to go and hear him; it might be that he could get Degiff on more humane terms. I did not want to be killed, nor to kill; but if I had it to do, I would ear-

As they came very close, I recognized Degiff and the Lieutenant. It was the begiff and the Lieutenant. It was the band. As they came up (it was now dawn) Degiff gave a shout that could have been thave I, for I am only 17."

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bank of the stream, so by crossing over onto the northern bank, we found a fresh and welcoming land.

The Lieutenant told us he believed the Indians fired the gross to drive us away or destroy us, but Degriff said he believed they would have fired closer to us; but I sided with the Lieutenant, as the Indians had just about time to reach this place when the light against the sky was seen.

That she did, and expressed a hope that I would a fresh and Grande until morning, and then would morning, and then would us he believed the would us he believed the laction and the light against the sky was seen. I talked with the sking that a lively pace, as we knew the Indians the laction and the light against the sky was seen. I talked with the sking to the part of the committee to 100 morning, and then would used until morning, and then would be with resulted fatally there is no telling which resulted fatally there is no telling the expense of the committee to 100 morning and then would used until morning, and then would be with resulted fatally there is no telling the expense of the committee to 100 morning and then would used until morning, and then would be with resulted fatally there is no telling the expense of the committee to 100 morning and then would used until morning, and then would have survived. Indians were traveling fast, and they had an hour's advance. The riding that night and the next morning, and then would be with resulted fatally there is no telling which resulted fatally there is no telling.

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(To be continued.) it makes new rich blood, regulates the heart and kidneys and rids the body of all waste feminine mind. For it is recognized by the feminine mind. For it is recognized by the feminine mind. matter. It also induces a gentle perspiration, politicians that, although there are few thus preventing fevers and congestion. Rheu-States where women are allowed to vote, there is not one in which they do not exer-Bill, and since that time there have been numerous calls for the text of the act.

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There is not one in which they do not exercise a great and sometimes decisive influence upon the ballot. There were departments to look after commercial travelers, bicycling, saving institutions and life the public lands for actual and bona fide No one need trouble themse v = to doubt settlers, and reserving the public lands whether this remedy will do all these things, as you can have a free trial package first and We are informed by officers and comsee what it does for you.

the United States upon the agricultural public lands, which have aiready been opened to settlement, acquired prior to the opened to settlement, acquired prior to the ence, as a free trial package will be sent to In what condition things were. After making my rounds and seeing nothing of the enemy, I ventured to call at the hacienda. I was able to speak the Spanish language; therefore, I have said before that I was able to speak the Spanish language; therefore, I have suid before that I was able to speak the Spanish language; therefore, I have suid before that I was able to speak the Spanish language; therefore, I have suid before that I was able to speak the Spanish language; therefore, I have suid before that I was able to speak the Spanish language; therefore, I have suid before that I was able to speak the Spanish language; therefore, I have suid before that I was able to speak the Spanish language; therefore, I have suid before that I was able to speak the Spanish language; therefore, I have suid before that I was able to speak the spanish language; therefore, I have suid before that I was able to speak the Spanish language; therefore, I have suid before that I was able to speak the spanish language; therefore, I have suid before that I was able to speak the spanish language; therefore, I have suid before that I was able to speak the spanish language; therefore, I have suid before that I was able to speak the spanish language; therefore, I have suid before that I was able to speak the spanish language; therefore, I have suid before that I was able to speak the spanish language; therefore, I have suid before that I was able to speak of this Act by treaty or agreement of the Boaighter of the Boaighter of the best way of the best way on the resided or shall hereafter reside upon the resided or shall hereafter reside upon the resided or shall hereafter reside upon the fall of the Boaighter of the Boaig

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The General responded briefly, promising to "accept the commission with gratitude for the high honor conferred. With the aid of the noble armies that have fought on so many fields for our common country which, with others, will keep until the war is over, and the time comes to tell weight of the expectations. I feel the fail

found that the men had a simple meal, and one that few at home would consider as a dainty. We began with tea, without sugar or milk, and an ounce of bread each. I was advised to keep the latter for the savory that was to follow, and when that was placed on the table I found that it consisted of a plate of locusts that had been captured during the day when a blizzard of those insects was winging its "Very good," I replied before I was conwas placed on the tune I foling that it
beg off. I had never seen a duel, and
had but little idea how it was to be, but I
knew that it was kill Degiff or die by his
hand. It was decided that we should fight
next morning.

That night, after supper, it was announced that the Lieutenant would make a
been captured during the day when a
blizzard of those insects was winging its
way over the town. Earlier I had seen
knots of Kaffirs "tucking away" thousands of locusts over by the railway shed,
where negroes most do congregate, with
out you, would be Hamlet with Hamlet
out fall and all other kinds of savage foodstuffs with which to appease their hunger.
The dish did not look inviting, but after
I thought I would escape hearing his speech,
I had made a timid advance upon the

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My horse had fallen across the rock at the bottom, and quick as a flash I saw that the accident might save me, as the sink would make a break in the first.

EVER KISSED."

Whipping out my knife I ripped open the dead animal, and tearing out the viscera I crouched under him close to the rock and thrust my head and shoulders into the cavernous interior as the fire approached.

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I sat down on the black earth to think it garden, talking all the time. She is also as I was sitting that I was a body of men coming directly towards me. I believed them to be who they were, now where they were going. As they came very close, I recognized who they were now very close, I recognized Degiff and the Lieutenant. It was the secondary of the part of the savages, and from the savages, and the Mexicans a No. 1164 Broadway. RIDER AGENTS WANTED

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